

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed January 7, 2009 which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Entry of the present amendment and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 5-10 remain in this application, where claims 3-4 had been previously canceled, and claim 2 has been currently canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications. Claim 1 is independent.

By means of the present amendment, the specification has been amended to correct of a certain informality.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1 and 5-10 are allowed and that rejected claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0163601 (Min). Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that

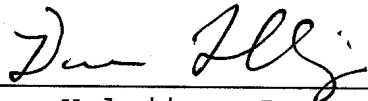
claims 1 and 5-10 are allowed.

By means of the present amendment, claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice. The cancellation of claim 2 renders moot the rejection with regard to claim 2.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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